Turnover of drugs

1286. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
PROF. I.G. SANADI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of drugs for which turnovers were available with Government upto March, 1990,

(b) whether turnover of only 205 bulk drugs were complied and after scanning only 76 were included under price control, if so, the reasons for non-scanning of remaining drugs;

(c) the quantity and value of Glybenclamide, Diphenoxylate HCL Hydroxyethl Theophylline, Rebipur Vaccine, Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine, Triprolidine, Polymixin, B-Sulphate, Tinidazole, Zinc Bacitracin taken into consideration;

(d) whether Government have spelt out transparency about identification of drugs; and

(e) if so, the turnover and market share of each of the 76 scheduled bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Identification of 76 drugs for the purpose of price control has been done on the basis of turnover data as worked out by the Standing Committee, which took into account drugs mentioned in various representations including those from Hon'ble Members of Parliament received by the Government, drugs mentioned in list obtained from Ministry of Health and other drugs whose imports were observed to be significant during 1989-90.

(d) and (e) The pharmaceutical industry has been advised to give representations in those cases where they feel inclusion/exclusion for price control is not correct, duly supported by varifiable data. However, it may be indicated that in majority of representation received, the requisite data has not been furnished.

Root wilt disease in Coconut Plantations

1287. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to curb the Root Wilt disease affecting coconut plantations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Coconut plantations in Andhra Pradesh have reported the occurrence of Root Wilt disease;

(d) in what ways does Government propose to assist coconut farmers in enhancing their productivity in Andhra Pradesh and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have adopted integrated approach for the management of Root Wilt disease in coconut plantations which includes agronomic practices such as proper manuring irrigation, inter-cropping, removal of diseased trees and re-planting with healthy and tolerant hybrid seedlings.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government provides the following assistance to improve the productivity of coconut in coconut growing States including Andhra Pradesh;

(i) Rs.200/- per palm for removal of diseased and senile palms.

(ii) Rs. 5/- per palm for seedlings.

(iii) Rs. 5/- per palm for fertilizer application.

(iv) Rs. 3/- per palm for plant protection chemical.

(v) Rs. 200/- per hectare for adopting

inter and mixed cropping in coconut holding.

Promoting Rural Education

1288. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to promote rural education;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up a council for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) In pursuance of the National Policy on Education 1986, Government have recently established a National Council of Rural Institutes, one of the major objectives of which is to promote rural higher education on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's revolutionary ideas on education. The Council was formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) on December 3, 1995.

Cost and Time Over-Run Per Project in the Steel Sector

1289. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost over-run per project and the time over-run per project in the Steel Sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Losses Suffered by IDPL

1290. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) has been suffering losses since the past several years;

(b) if so, whether he has recently visited premises of IDPL and found some discrepancies in its functioning;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the concrete measures Government propose to take to save the IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers recently visited the formulation plant of IDPL at Gurgaon with a view to acquiring, primarily, knowledge about the work environment and problems in general of the workers/employees and the management.

(d) IDPL is currently implementing a revival package approved by the BIFR. The revival period is for 10 years and the plan envisages, inter-alia, higher production/sales, reduction in the manpower cost, business restructuring etc.

Establishment of IIM And IIT in Madhya Pradesh

1291. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Union Government to establish an Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Technology in the State;